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USSR

Possible SA-5 Engagement Radar at Moscow in [REDACTED]

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A possible SA-5 engagement radar has been identified alongside the runway of Moscow Fili Airfield on ground photos of [REDACTED]. It is similar in appearance to SA-5 engagement radars seen on satellite photography, and scaled mensuration reveals a similarity in overall size and proportion. We have yet found no other photography of this object at Fili Airfield, however, and are unable to make a conclusive identification from these poor-quality ground photos. The object cannot be observed on small-scale satellite coverage of the airfield during this period, and it is not present on ground photography of [REDACTED]

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On small-scale satellite photography of Sary Shagan in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] objects were first seen in positions now occupied by SA-5 engagement radars. The first photographic evidence of such a radar at Gorkiy/Sormovo Radar Assembly and Test Area was in [REDACTED]

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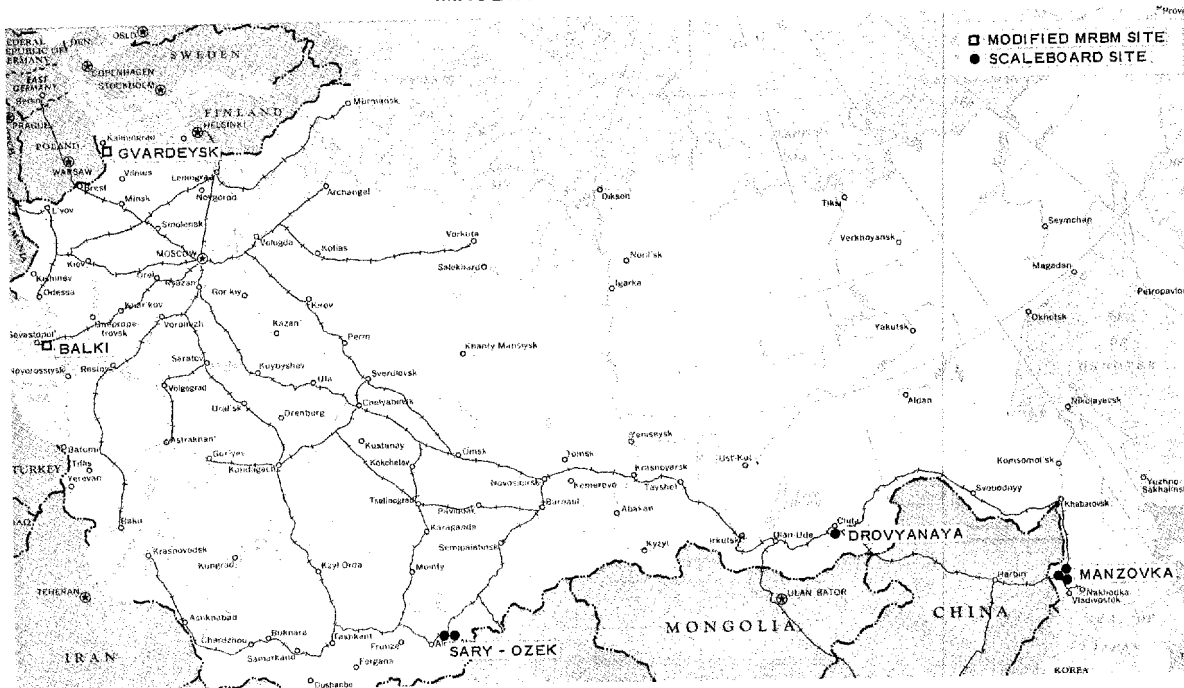


FIGURE 1. LOCATION MAP.



FIGURE 2. MODIFIED MRBM SITE AT BALKI,

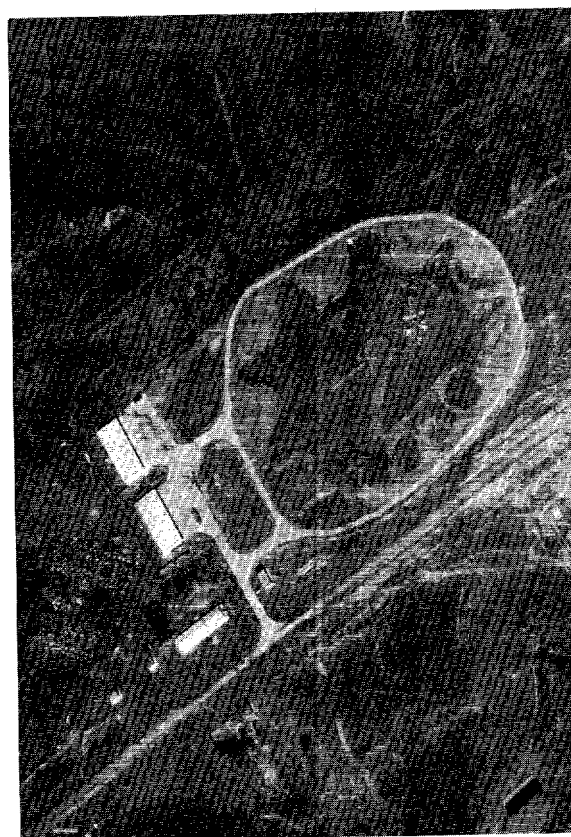


FIGURE 3. SARY-OZEK SCALEBOARD SITE,

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USSR

Modified MRBM Sites May Be For Scaleboard

There is photographic evidence which suggests that the Soviets have modified two of their MRBM sites to accommodate the Scaleboard missile system. Since early [redacted] Gvardeysk No. 1 MRBM site on the Baltic coast and Balki MRBM site in the Crimea, which were originally built for the SS-3, have undergone major modifications. Nine new fan-shaped launch pads have been built at each site, but no missiles have been identified with them. During the same period, five Scaleboard launch sites, with nine pads each, were built along the border with China and Mongolia; a sixth has been built since [redacted] (See Figures 1-3 for locations and representative examples of these sites.)

The fan-shaped pads of the modified MRBM site at Balki appear to be oriented south while those at Gvardeysk are looking toward the west. Because the Balki site is situated somewhat below surrounding mountain ridges and some of the launch pads are immediately north of structures, it is probably designed to fire ballistic missiles and not cruise missiles.

The length of the axis of the fans is too small for the typical SS-3 or SS-4 in-line transporter-launcher-erector, but their size, configuration, positioning, and azimuths suggest that the missile system employs a combined transporter-erector-launcher (TEL). Such equipment could be housed in large garages similar to those seen at both the permanent Scaleboard sites and the modified MRBM sites.

Therefore, the locations of the modified MRBM sites and analysis of their fan-shaped launch pads suggest that the sites were designed for a ballistic missile system which is limited in range, probably utilizes a transporter-erector-launcher combination, and is deployed in "nines." Based on these characteristics and the timing of the site modifications, the Scaleboard missile system is considered to be the most likely candidate for Gvardeysk and Balki.

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FIGURE 4. PEKING SAM SITE D 20-2

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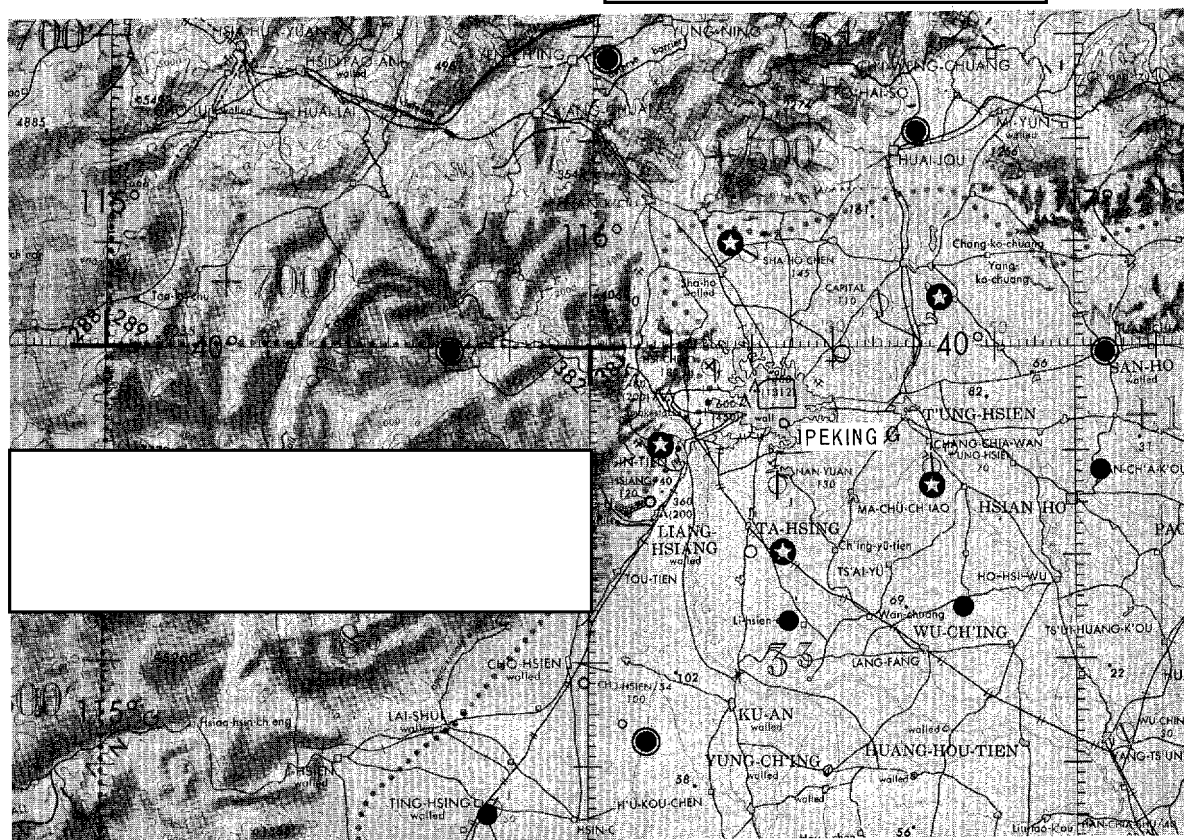


FIGURE 5. SA - 2 SAM SITES AROUND PEKING.

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CHINA

Peking SAM Defenses

Five SA-2 SAM sites were newly identified in the Peking area on [REDACTED] All five appeared to be nearly complete, but no missile-related equipment was observed at them. First evidence of construction of these sites was observed in late [REDACTED]

The new SAM sites are deployed 29-37 nm from the city. Each site has a modified link configuration, with six revetted launch positions under construction, three missile hold buildings, and an L-shaped central guidance building. Each site also has at least 30 support/barracks buildings, indicating that the sites are probably permanent. (For example, see Figure 4.)

A total of 14 SAM sites have now been identified in the Peking area since [REDACTED], but only four have ever been seen occupied (see Figure 5). Initially five SAM sites were deployed around the city at a distance of 10-18 nm. They were first observed on [REDACTED] and have never been seen occupied. The four which have been seen occupied are Peking CI4-2, CI8-2, and DII-2 and Ting-hsing AI3-2.

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